



<DATE>

<GRADUATE'S NAME>

<ADDRESS>

<CITY, STATE, ZIP>

Dear <NAME>:

We will be contacting you in fall 2008 to take part in the 2008 National Survey of Recent College Graduates (NSRCG), sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF). This survey focuses on recent graduates with a bachelor's or master's degree in natural and social sciences, engineering, and health.

You are one of a small group of graduates from your college or university chosen to participate in this important national study, which has been conducted since 1974. As such, we cannot substitute another person for you. Results from previous study are available on the NSF's Web site at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/recentgrads>.

The purpose of the study is to collect data on the education and employment experiences of recent bachelor's and master's graduates in the United States. The study provides important information to academia, business, government, parents, and students. It also provides information on issues, such as how many graduates find jobs in their field of major; whether graduates obtain "career-path" jobs; and how many graduates are pursuing an advanced degree. The NSRCG is the only source of national data on this important population.

To help us contact you, please complete the enclosed Telephone and Address Verification Form and return it within the next two weeks using the postage-paid envelope. You may receive this form at more than one address. This information will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only to contact you for the survey. This study is conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, a nationally recognized survey research firm, under contract to the NSF.

If you have any questions about the survey, please call the NSRCG help desk at 1-866-504-9640 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 9 P.M. (EST) any day of the week, or send an e-mail message to questions@gradsurvey.org.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Lynda Carlson
Director
Division of Science Resources Statistics
National Science Foundation

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TELEPHONE AND ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM

2008 National Survey of Recent College Graduates

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete and return this form within two weeks so we will know how to contact you. All information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only to contact you for the survey. When the form is complete, please return it using the enclosed business-reply envelope.

STEP 1 Is the name and address provided above current? Yes () No () If No, please print your current information below.

Name

Street Address

City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Country
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STEP 2 Interviews can be also completed by Internet or telephone. Please provide your current telephone number(s) and email below. *Please print.*

Evening Telephone Number ()	Daytime Telephone Number ()	Cell Telephone Number ()
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Email Address

STEP 3 In case we are unable to reach you at the above address, please provide the contact information of another person who does not live with you but will know how to reach you. This person will be contacted *only* if we cannot reach you. *Please print.*

Name

Street Address

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Telephone Number ()	Daytime Telephone Number ()	Cell Telephone Number ()
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First Questionnaire Mailing Cover Letter

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

4201 WILSON BOULEVARD
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22230



<DATE>

<GRADUATE'S NAME>

<ADDRESS>

<CITY, STATE, ZIP>

Dear <NAME>:

I am requesting your participation in the 2008 National Survey of Recent College Graduates (NSRCG), sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), an agency of the Federal government mandated by Congress to collect information about the college educated workforce. Your employment and educational experiences are of interest to government, colleges, businesses, government agencies, parents, and students. These groups often seek information on such issues as how many graduates find jobs in their field of study and how many are pursuing advanced degrees.

The survey focuses on recent graduates with bachelor's and master's degrees in the natural sciences, the social sciences, engineering and health sciences. You are one of a small group of graduates from your college or university selected to participate in this national study. It is only through the cooperation of each selected graduate that we can represent the diversity of experiences of all college graduates. You can respond:

- By Web. To complete the questionnaire online, log onto the Web site, <http://www.mprdc.com/nsrcg> and enter your User ID and Password as provided on the enclosed instruction sheet. .
- By mail. If you would prefer to respond by mail, please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Please be assured that all information you provide will be held as strictly confidential and only be used for research or statistical purposes. Additional information about the survey is provided on the enclosed question and answer sheet. Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. is conducting the 2008 NSRCG for the NSF. If you have any questions about the survey, please call the NSRCG help desk at 1-866-504-9640 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 9 P.M. (EST) any day of the week, or send an e-mail message to questions@gradsurvey.org. Information on the results of previous surveys is available on the National Science Foundation's Web site: <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/nsrcg>.

We appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

David Lightfoot
Assistant Director
National Science Foundation

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Thank-You/Reminder Postcard

Last week we sent you a questionnaire for an important national study. If you have already returned the completed questionnaire, we thank you very much for your assistance.

If you have not yet had time to complete the questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible. Your participation is important for the success of this study.

If you need another copy of the questionnaire or need assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-866-504-9640 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. EST or send an email message to questions@gradsurvey.org.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Lynda Carlson
Director
Division of Science Resources Statistics
National Science Foundation

Second Questionnaire Mailing Cover Letter

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
4201 WILSON BOULEVARD
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22230



<DATE>

<GRADUATE'S NAME>
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Dear <NAME>:

About six weeks ago, we asked for your help completing the 2008 National Survey of Recent College Graduates, sponsored by the National Science Foundation. I understand your busy schedule, but hope you will find time to participate. This is your opportunity to voice whether your college degree made a difference.

You were chosen for this study as part of a scientifically selected sample of people who have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a U.S. academic institution. Because you were specifically selected, we cannot substitute another college graduate for you, so the success of the survey rests upon your participation.

This survey is the most important national source of information on college-educated people like you. It collects information from college graduates in many disciplines and in every stage of life. Academic and government policy researchers use these data to study the relationship between education and career opportunities. Students making decisions about their own education and career choices find this information valuable as do individuals thinking about changing careers.

If you have completed the survey by the time this letter reaches you, we thank you very much. If not, please take the time to fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the survey, please call the toll-free number 1-866-504-9640, or send an e-mail message to questions@gradsurvey.org.

We thank you for your help and look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

David Lightfoot
Assistant Director
National Science Foundation

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